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THURSDAY, January 25 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
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AS WE BRITISH SEE IT

by Lord Wilmot
Labor Peer and Financial Expert

How do the British regard the present world crisis? How far will they go to bulwark Western defense against Communism? Answers to these questions and others will be given next week by this former Labor MP who, from 1945 to 1947, served as British Minister of Supply. A distinguished businessman and accomplished orator, Lord Wilmot has just returned from a parliamentary conference in New Zealand and a visit to Australia. He will present informed, top-level British views on the world situation. Don't miss this briefing by one of Britain's best speakers!

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

All OPC Members are urged to attend the Semi-Annual Business Meeting at 8 PM on Monday, January 29, at Toots Shor's Restaurant, 51 West 51st Street. At this meeting the draft of a new Overseas Press Club Constitution will be presented to the membership for discussion and voting. It is important that as many Members as possible be present.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Active: Helen Mamas Zotos, free-lance writer. Athens, Greece, from 1947 to 1949 for the Associated Press. Proposed by LEO BRANHAM; seconded by WAYNE RICHARDSON.

William K. McClure, cameraman, Warner-Pathe News. Alaska, 1943, for RKO-Pathe; European theater of operations and Pacific, 1944 to 1946, for Army Signal Corps; Europe, 1948 to present, for Warner-Pathe News. Proposed by JOHN DORED; seconded by ALLYN Z. BAUM.

Guest: Stephanos Zotos, permanent correspondent in the U.S. for Embros and Hestia, Greek daily newspapers. Proposed by LEO BRANHAM; seconded by WAYNE RICHARDSON.

Gerty Agoston, film correspondent for Nationalzeitung of Basel, Switzerland. Proposed by MAURICE CARRIE; seconded by LOUIS P. LOCHNER.

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@ A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT @
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OUR NEW CONSTITUTION

In a few days all Members will receive a draft of a new Constitution for the Overseas Press Club, as approved by the Board of Governors.

For the past two years at least, the need for a new Constitution has been stressed again
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and again. The present Constitution is especially faulty in three respects:

1. The provision that 15 percent of the Active membership must be present at any business meeting to constitute a quorum is not only quite out of line with similar provisions in most clubs, fraternal organizations and other membership bodies, but is especially unworkable in the case of a Club like ours, of which a large part of the membership is on active duty overseas.

The new Constitution proposes to fix the quorum at 35 Active Members in good standing present. Even that is somewhat higher, our attorney advises us, than in most associations.

2. The non-resident membership has no voice, either in the nomination or election of Officers and Board Members, in the current document. The new Constitution provides for both.

3. Many provisions of the present Constitution should really be a part of the By-Laws and subject to easier change if experience shows that a change is desirable. The new Constitution separates purely operational and administrative matters from the Constitution proper and places them in the By-Laws. The principles remain the same as before and are anchored in the Constitution, except that the provisions for non-voting Members (e.g., Guest Members) have been somewhat liberalized. But the control, now as before, remains in the hands of the working press.

Also, careful budgeting of our receipts and expenditures is provided for, and regulations set forth regarding the expenditure of Club funds by Committees.

Regarding the proxies for which we asked in the last issue of The Bulletin, it is contemplated that these be used solely for establishing a legal quorum. I feel that the Members actually present should vote, after proper debate, on any changes deemed necessary in the text submitted to Members by the Board of Governors. It would hardly be fair to use the proxies in voting on proposed changes in the Board's version, since the person sending the proxy would not have the benefit of debate -- unless the Member specifically instructs his proxy to act for him on proposed changes.

I can assure the Members that the Constitution has been drawn up with great care under the chairmanship of Vice President JOHN DALY, and has been gone over meticulously, after previous individual study by each Officer and Board Member, in two sessions devoted exclusively to the Constitution -- one lasting for almost six solid hours, the other for more than five. Virtually every sentence, even every phrase, underwent scrutiny.

Also, the wording was carefully checked with our counsel, and his wording accepted in such delicate matters as expulsion proceedings, which should be used only in extreme cases, and mail balloting.

Any Members who know they cannot be present and who deem a change in the Board's version essential, should write at once to any Officer, and I assure them that I shall faithfully present the objection or request for change to the membership meeting on January 29. At the same time, let me remind them that, if the new Constitution should prove defective, it will hereafter be practicable to change it without greater difficulty than that which is found in any organization operating under a Constitution. -- LOUIS P. LOCHNER

ANNUAL BANQUET CANCELLED;
BOARD PLANS AWARDS AFFAIR
AS SUBSTITUTE FOR DINNER

The Overseas Press Club's Annual Banquet, traditionally held each spring at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, will not take place this year. Instead, a more modest affair is being scheduled at which distinguished guests will address the Club and the OPC's 1951

Awards will be presented. Decision to suspend plans for the dinner was made "due to the world situation" by the Board of Governors at a meeting last week. It was also agreed that an affair on the scale of past events would be in questionable taste in view of the dangerous nature of present assignments of many Club Members. Action by the Overseas Press Club to cancel its annual banquet followed similar announcements by the Gridiron Club, the White House Correspondents' Association, the Press Photographers Association and the Radio Correspondents' Association, calling off their dinners.

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: Off on a junket to Athens, Rome and Paris -- as the only woman among eight male reporters -- is GRACE DAVIDSON of the Boston Post....HARRY T. BRUNDIDGE left New York January 16 on an extensive lecture tour that takes him as far west as Denver...Headed back to his UP desk in New York after a sojourn in France is JOHN MARTINCO and his wife.... GERTRUDE SAMUELS left for Tokyo January 12...

"Where Is America's Front Line?" was debated over CBS-TV's "People's Platform" on January 14 by QUENTIN REYNOLDS...The January 6 Editor & Publisher carried a piece, "What Happens to Press When Commies Come," by RANDALL GOULD, former editor of the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury and now an editorial writer on the Denver Post...

CORRESPONDENTS, EDITORS ATTACK NEW ARMY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

OPC Member Named as Main Reason
For Adoption of Rigid Code
by MacArthur GHQ

Strict censorship regulations, providing for arrest, deportation or court-martial of offenders, were under fire this week by correspondents and news executives both here and abroad. The new code, issued by 8th Army headquarters and later adopted by General MacArthur's Far East Command, was termed by Editor & Publisher "the most drastic and far-reaching censorship ever imposed by the Army."

Newsmen who long have asked the Army to establish standard security checks were surprised at the tone and far-sweeping implications of the code. RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON, New York Times war correspondent, wrote from Tokyo that "it appeared to many veteran correspondents that censorship...was being used to cover up military errors and defeats." And KEYES BEECH of the Chicago Daily News, commented that "what correspondents had hoped would be censorship for military security...has broadened into something that amounts to political and psychological censorship". Meanwhile, in New York, UP General News Manager Earl J. Johnson messaged his

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OPC ACTS IN CENSORSHIP AFFAIR

The Overseas Press Club this week asked representation at any forthcoming discussions between Pentagon officials and the press on the censorship issue.

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER instructed MORGAN BEATTY and RUTH COWAN, Co-Chairmen of the Club's Washington Liaison Committee, to request they be permitted to attend any press talks scheduled by the Army with Col. Marion P. Echols. Colonel Echols, General MacArthur's public information officer, is now in Washington to discuss public relations matters with top officials.

Tokyo bureau chief that "I have sat here through several wars but never saw a document from any war theater reflecting misconfidence in mature judgment, integrity and loyalty of correspondents comparable to (the) censorship regulations just issued."

Following release of the 8th Army code, General MacArthur's headquarters on January 13 tightened its own clamp on news sources in line with the 8th Army document. Only General MacArthur himself or his chief of staff would henceforth be considered "authoritative sources". Col. M. P. Echols, MacArthur's PIO, admitted the new regulations were imposed "mostly" because of dispatches written by KEYES BEECH.

..... In New York, however, Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, Army Information Chief, implied some mistakes had been made by the Army in administering censorship of war news. "I am very frank to say the Army makes them", he told a Radio Executives Club luncheon, "and we try to rectify them."

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All Club Members who are interested in the OPC's projected Lecture Bureau should communicate with the office for copies of the latest questionnaire containing current information about the plan.

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abroad, the Committee disclosed that "new space for additional advertising copy is being made available in The Bulletin."

Also, the Committee recommended that Club Members interested in advertising or knowing of potential advertisers contact Club Headquarters at once. It was also reported that Press Wireless is one of the first companies to confirm an agreement to advertise in a proposed new Bulletin which will feature a streamlined, printed format.

Inquiries regarding advertising should be directed to Janice Griffiths, Executive Secretary, at Club Headquarters, 1475 Broadway, Longacre 4-0174.

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ERIC PALMER has completed 100,000 words of his propaganda career story -- including an account of the time he slept in Lenin's bed!....His Excellency U Tin, chief of the Burmese delegation to the UN, has been telling friends at Lake Success that the most exciting thing he has done in New York was to greet 1951 from the OPC Clubrooms overlooking Times Square. He attended as guest of RUTH KARPFF (who has an upcoming lecture January 23 before the Berkeley Institute of Arts and Sciences on "Will It Be Peace or War?")...BERNARD S. REDMONT, Paris correspondent for U.S. News & World Report, is in New York to testify at the perjury trial of ex-Commerce Department economist William Remington. REDMONT took the stand this week to say he did not believe Remington was a member of the Communist Party...

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Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL told the Board of Governors at its January 15 meeting that the Club's expenses during December exceeded its income by \$235. This loss, however, was considerably under the November deficit of \$703.

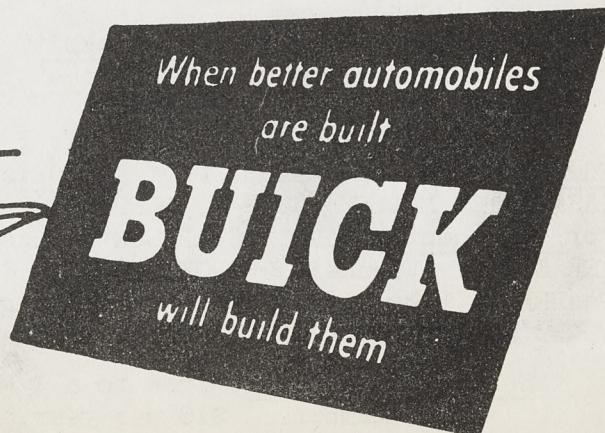
Total income attributable to December was \$1,345, while expenses totalled \$1,580. The Club's cash position at the close of 1950 amounted to \$9,414.65.

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 : A Television Writing Clinic for Members of the OPC and the Mystery Writers :
 : of America will be conducted at the Clubrooms on Wednesday, January 24, and :
 : Wednesday, January 31, at 8 PM, by LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN and WILL OURSLER. Members:
 : are cordially invited to attend. :
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SHIFTS AND SLOTS: Associated Press general manager Frank J. Starzel announced last week that REILMAN (PAT) MORIN, recently back from Korea and Tokyo, has been appointed an AP special correspondent to work out of New York....AL ALMEN is new head of the AP's Latin-American desk....A Founding Member of the OPC and Latin-American correspondent for Time-Life (most recently Mexico City bureau chief), ROBERT BENJAMIN has resigned to join the staff of Vision, new Spanish-language news mag. He will be regional director for Central America and the Caribbean with headquarters in Mexico City....

LEWIS B. SEBRING, JR., formerly of the New York Herald Tribune and now PR director for Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., on January 15 began a six-month leave of absence in order to sort out, index and prepare for distribution of a vast amount of family historical material. He will keep his hand in at Union by continuing as editor of the alumni magazine, and will continue his work with amateur movies, travel lecturing and miscellaneous civic activities....

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This Week has just purchased a third section of AMY VANDERBILT's etiquette book which Doubleday will debut next year....On January 20 Past President BOB CONSIDINE begins a new weekly TV show over NBC. The 15-minute interview-commentary spot will have the same title, "On the Line with BOB CONSIDINE", as his current radio show...."Acting Director of the Technical Assistance Division of ECA" is EGBERT WHITE's new (and, he assures us, "temporary" title). He writes from Washington: "This temporary duty down here which was originally to be for six weeks has now stretched to almost six months"....

TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- The Tokyo Correspondents Club on January 5 played host to more than 80 wounded soldiers representing all UN units fighting in Korea. The soldiers were brought to the club from hospitals in the Tokyo area and were treated to a big dinner and a special floor show. Correspondents in the Tokyo zone at the time helped to serve the food and drinks. According to Hessel Tiltman,

new prexy of the club, correspondents from 16 different countries are members but all could not attend because of war reporting assignments in Korea.

RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON, veteran New York Times correspondent, left January 14 for state-side rest and reassignment after six months of war reporting in Korea and four years as Times man in Korea before the war...Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, together with members of the Japanese Cabinet, enjoyed cocktails and dinner at the Tokyo Correspondents Club last week. After a speech by Hoshida, they answered a number of timely questions...

Howard Brodie, Collier's artist, returned to these parts January 5....DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN of Life took off for the U.S. on January 7....Edwin Hoffman of Acme departed for Hong Kong January 6.-- (JACOBUS TenBERGE).

FOREIGN MAILBAG: "No lions today; only 100 degree temperature", postcards JEAN JAFFE from the Kruger Park game reserve in South Africa....JOHN EVANS sends Christmas and New Year's greetings from Portugal....From LONDON comes word that HENRY TOSTI RUSSELL has resigned as director of special and illustrated services for the United Press. He first began working for the UP in 1927. Immediate plans include an automobile trip to France, Spain and Portugal and willingness to accept suitable assignments in any of these countries. RUSSELL will leave the U.K. in three or four weeks after completing several speaking engagements. Incidentally, the forthcoming "Thirty Years with Bernard Shaw", by his secretary, Blanche Patch, mentions the first time RUSSELL met GBS in a chapter on his relations with the press...

: OPC BOOKSHELF :

"The Case of General Yamashita" by A. Frank Reel (University of Chicago Press, \$4). The author, a lawyer, draws on his experience as a member of the defense counsel for General Yamashita to discuss the pros and cons of whether the Manila trial was a triumph of justice or a "judicial lynching".

"China and the Soviet Union" by Aitchen K. Wu (John Day Company). This is a detailed study of Sino-Soviet relations as seen through the eyes of a Chinese diplomat who has spent many years at posts within the USSR.

"Standard Dictionary of Folklore" (Funk & Wagnalls, \$7.50). Twenty-eight leading folklore specialists have combined their knowledge to produce a monumental reference work on mythology and legend.

POCKET-SIZED BOOKS: "Knights Gambit" by William Faulkner (Signet Books), "Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies" by Margaret Mead (Mentor Books), and "Plutarch's Lives", (Mentor Classics).

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